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The Silver Belt has a larger paid circulation than any daily newspaper in the world published in a city with 12,000 or less population.

Well, well! If they are not already talking taxiaeroplanes.

"Get Cook and Peary out of the way," advises the Phoenix Gazette. Do it yourself!

No man who is not apt at "denying the allegation" should ever permit himself to become a candidate for office.

If cotton goes much higher the doctors probably will be holding it responsible for some fashionable ailment.

Margaret Illington remained in a state of single blessedness an even shorter time than she remained in the state of Nevada.

Now that the horse is gone out in Cherry, Ill., there will be a most enthusiastic and excited stable-door locking, of course.

It must be a good-natured old comet, anyhow. It is going to "sweep the earth with its tail" next May—right in the midst of house-cleaning time.

The mayor of Plymouth, Eng., advises the putting to death of the feeble minded. He would not, however, if he knew what that would result in for him.

A contemporary wants to know what we are to do when all gas is exhausted. Self preservation and economy would suggest informing the meters first thing.

"Who started that wild-eyed story that Mary Garden was to retire from the stage and enter a convent?" inquires an exchange. More than likely it was Mary.

Looking backward, Mr. Taft probably can think of no happier incident of his journey than the stealing of that 'possum some one sent him in the Lone Star state.

You will have to hurry if you intend throwing any lemons at "Uncle Joe." Congress meets soon, and assaulting the speaker is strictly a between-sessions pastime.

Orleans, Ind., forgot to hold a municipal election the other day. Even in Timpson, Texas, where the mayor's salary is only \$1 per year, they do not forget to hold the elections.

"The first beefsteak that reached Circle City, Alaska, sold for \$48 a pound," says the Prescott Journal-Miner. And what does beefsteak sell for in that burg now—\$480 per pound?

It was high time to call the sugar trust down. A little more rope, and the odoriferous person behind that concern would have been out in the highways and byways with blackjacks, sandbags, and things.

That New York woman who has twice dislocated her jaw trying to tell a funny story will have the sympathy of all kind-hearted people, who would like immensely, nevertheless, to hear the story. It must be a good one.

"By all means the plainest fact in the Ballinger-Glavis controversy is that somebody has been taking unwarranted liberties with the truth," notes the New York Mail. And the president of the United States, whose judicial reputation is fairly well established, says it is not Mr. Ballinger.

Some of our contemporaries are needlessly distressed that the White House has been enlarged in such wise as to do away with the colonel's old tennis court. If it becomes necessary or seemingly desirable at a future date, the colonel probably will not hesitate to move the White House out of his way.

## THE GOLD OF THE WORLD

It is estimated that the world's output of gold for 1909 will be not less than \$450,000,000, as compared with the world's product for 1908 of \$434,000,000; and should the present rate of annual increase be maintained for the next three years it will in 1912 exceed \$500,000,000. There is every reason to expect that the world's product will increase annually for several years to come. China is expected to produce more gold and the outlook for larger product in Central and South America is favorable. It is estimated that the world's production of gold since the voyage of Columbus has been \$12,925,958,000. Only about 45 per cent of the annual output of gold is used as money, the rest being consumed in arts and manufacture, while some is hoarded.

## PLENTY OF LAND

There is no reason in the United States to fear a scarcity of farming land, merely because of the opening of public reservations has ceased. California could support a population of \$10,000,000. The south invites more intensive farming, as does the middle west, while the agricultural opportunities of New England have recently come into prominence. There are many districts in the east capable of great development under more scientific agricultural methods. One need is a more wide distribution of immigrants of rural habits and antecedents. The recent movement in northwestern states, across the northern border, into Canada, need cause no alarm. It affects only those who "skin" the land. Gradually settlers are learning that dearer land near centers of population is more economical than larger areas at distances compelling long railway hauls.

## HUSBANDS WHO SLANDER

Are there husbands in Ohio who slander their wives. If there are such men lost to the first sense of chivalry, is their number so great and are their offenses so flagrant as to warrant the enactment of a statute providing for their punishment?

It appears that at least one woman in that state would answer these questions in the affirmative. Moreover, according to her published name, she is a married woman, but it may be hoped that the wrongs at which she aims are not suffered by herself. But she proves her sincerity by producing cash, for she has presented to the State Humane society the amount of \$1,000, to be used to promote the securing of a law for the protection of wives who are thus made to suffer.

If such offenses be at all prevalent in the Buckeye state, it would seem appropriately a humane task to lessen their frequency. But this would seem a case in which the general opinion of society ought to be adequate. Ostracism, rather than prison bars would be a punishment to fit this crime. Such husbands need more shutting out than barring in.

## THE ST. LOUIS SAILORS

The business men of St. Louis who arranged the trip of the president down the Mississippi were short on mathematics. Their procession of river craft became utterly demoralized because of their different rates of speed. Yet our admirals took our battle ships through all the seas of the world always in perfect alignment and at correctly maintained distances. The root of the problem seems obvious. It is necessary to know only the speed of the slowest ships. That must be the limit of rate of progress for an entire fleet, if it is to be kept together. But it appears that the land sailors of St. Louis adopted a different method. They added together the speed of the fastest and of the slowest boat, and divided them by two, and then planned the itinerary according to the quotient. Perhaps, even yet these Missouri navigators have not discovered why their calculations did not anticipate the result.

"The time to have defeated Cannon was when he was a candidate for speaker," says the Rochester Herald. Exactly. It is a little strange that that does not seem to occur to the anti-Cannonites at the psychological moments.

A Chicago man lived in this country eighteen years without ever having learned that there is such a thing as a congressman. A whole lot of voters act on election days as if they never had heard of one, either.

Mr. Champ Clark is an interesting lecturer, but he ought to get some new jokes. That old thing about the next house of representatives being democratic is a chestnut.

We believe we are going to get away from it eventually. We had to think twice yesterday to determine how that Mount McKinley dispute started and who started it.

## WELCOME TO OUR KINGDOM



—Ketten in New York World.

## The Old Prospector

A MERITED TRIBUTE BY J. C.

The solitude endured in the course of many years as prospector and miner in the mining region of the west is an experience seldom commented on in rehearsing the lines and exploits of those occupation. And scarcely is the existence of the unsuccessful ones known outside their own sphere. The efforts of the latter are not appreciated, generally, perhaps, because of his obscurity which his calling necessitates, but it is more likely because no one admires or regards a failure although courage, self-reliance and perseverance, in almost all other lines of human endeavor, even when unaccompanied by good results are admired, but not in the case of the truly brave self-denying, skilful, persevering, but unsuccessful prospector.

Why? It may be difficult to define accurately any specific reason or to determine the general impression which the name "Old Prospector" gives, but it is reasonably certain that he and his efforts are usually regarded with more or less contempt; unless he strikes it rich. In that event he is instantly transfigured from an object of contempt to an idol of a community, a hero of a state, or a national or international figure. The latter only when he lands an exceptionally large amount. The honor and plaudits as well as the recognition, are always in proportion to the sum he has acquired. It is therefore evident that a prospector never is credited or commended for what is perhaps the greatest service that man can render to his kind.

I take it that those of them who have been fortunate in the part or were aware that the lavish approbation from all sides bestowed on them was not always a recognition of their real worth, or of the service their efforts were to mankind as much as the idolization of the mighty dollar which they were known to possess.

But let us dwell for a moment on the many days, months, and even years, while in the prime of mankind—expectant, hopeful, and diligent in his work—he is isolated from all that is near and dear to the heart of the civilized man. Do not be deceived or get a misconception of the prospector. The scum and the slum are not represented here. Let us consider the anguish of such solitude, and the often deferred hope of the realization of that ambition which first induced him to undertake this perilous and unnatural occupation—how while alone (which is the rule) he looks back to castles in the air of his youthful day, dreaming but more particularly of that cozy castle and its inmates; and how all his joys and happiness, and successes (failure was not considered then) were to be shared by the only one; the one for whom he would do and dare. How those twenty years of fruitless endeavor finds him now at least past the prime of life with his youthful hopes faded and his ideals vanished, but with

faith in the uncovered value of the vein he is buoyed on and on to greater effort.

But why should civilization recognize this unkempt, uncouth, obscure, individual?

What does it owe him?

If it were not for the prospector, how far would civilization have extended up to the present time in California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona?

More than any other man the prospector has contributed toward the making of those great states and territories and it would be unnecessary to review in detail how much the metal produced has enhanced civilization not only in the west but throughout the whole nation and the world in the past fifty years.

All honor to you "Old Prospector."

You have suffered much that the world might be greater and better, and if you have not succeeded in the acquisition of great wealth we honor you as much as the fortunate, for it is not your cash so much as your real worth that we would commend, and we are confident that there are some veins, lodes, ledges and deposits still uncovered, and to you remains the heroic work of finding those, and proving their merit to a great extent. And, remember, that although your services to your country and to mankind are at the present time forgotten in this age of struggle for the proceeds of your finding, you are enacting a chapter in the history of this country in which posterity will find a parallel only in the life work of a Columbus, a Washington and a Lincoln.

## UNDESIRABLE JURYMEN

Chicago does some things well, despite the contrary opinion of most Gothamites. The latest development of interest from the western metropolis is in eliminating the undesirables from the veniremen at all trials.

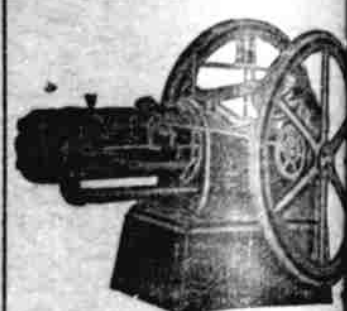
No man who in the pursuit of his daily task takes tips is acceptable; so all porters, cabmen and barbers are added to the already long list of men not suitable for passing on important cases. The original list was as follows:

Actors, because they have no fixed abode.  
Laborers and foreign tailors, because, as a rule, not of sufficient intelligence.  
Boilermakers, because of defective hearing.  
Saloonkeepers and bartenders, because of their occupation.  
Train dispatchers and tower signal men, because they are doing a greater service at their regular positions.  
Medical and theological students, because they are exempt.  
Peddlers, junk dealers, and scavengers, for obvious reasons.

Jury Commissioner Amberg who testified in an investigation into alleged irregularities, gave his reasons for barring certain professions and occupations and the judges promptly agreed with him. This step is worth consideration by other courts throughout the country, and there would be less cause for criticism if the jury system were put on a higher plane than at present.

That St. Louis minister who declares all sermons should be at least two hours in length evidently is not fishing for a call to some other community, at all events.

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